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Welcome Back to Valpo

As the fall 2013 semester has just begun, the Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority community has been very active in welcoming of the Class of 2017. On Saturday, August 24, more than 200 fraternity men and sorority women joined in assisting with Freshman Move-In in partnership with the Valpo Football team, Men's Soccer Team, Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honorary, Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, Sigma Alpha Iota Music Sorority, SALT, and other Campus Ministry organizations. Over 300 students provided this service to the Valparaiso University Office of Residence Life, and the teams successfully moved in over 900 new students in less than five hours.

In addition, fraternity and sorority chapters hosted activity tables at the annual Valpo Block Party on the evening of move-in day. The Block Party, hosted by the Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Education, is an opportunity for freshman students to meet and greet with upperclassmen in a fun and interactive environment. Activities included corn hole, giant bozo buckets, a dunk tank, and a large photo booth. The community will also host Meet the Greeks, Dunes Day, and a Leadership Conference as part of the Welcome Week activities.

Chapter Spotlight: *Sigma Phi Epsilon*



Collegiate and alumni members of Sigma Phi Epsilon at the SigEp Conclave after receiving the 2013 Buchanan Cup

Upcoming Events

- August 30, Student Activities Fair at 4:00 p.m.
- August 31, Valpo Dunes Day at 2:00 p.m.
- September 1, Student Leadership Conference at 1:00 p.m.
- September 5, Fraternity Grand Chapter at 8:00 p.m.
- September 5, Sorority Grand Chapter at 9:30 p.m.
- September 9, Academic Resource Fair at 4:00 p.m.
- September 9, Officer Roundtable Night at 9:00 p.m.
Risk Management, Scholarship, and New Member Educators
- September 14, Sorority Recruitment Apple Picking Event

Sharing The Good News

The College Panhellenic at Valparaiso University Wins Top National Award for Excellence; one of only 14 in the nation

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), one of the nation's largest advocacy organizations for women, recognized the Valparaiso University Panhellenic Council with a NPC Excellence Award for 2012-2013, one of only 14 schools in the nation to receive such an honor.

"These awards are given to those who are following the exemplary standards set for Panhellenic women" said Nicki Meneley, executive director of the conference.



For the sixth time in seven opportunities, the Valparaiso University chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon received the Buchanan Outstanding Chapter Award at the national conclave of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. Every two years at the Sigma Phi Epsilon Conclave, the national fraternity recognizes the highest performing chapters with the Buchanan Outstanding Chapter Award. Named in honor of past Grand President Edwin Buchanan, the Buchanan Cup, as it is commonly referred, represents superior and sustained achievement within the Fraternity. The Buchanan Cup recognizes the best-of-the-best Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters in the nation. Chapters are measured in relation to the accomplishments of their peers on campuses across the country. Only the chapters that excel in every area of operations and further the Sigma Phi Epsilon strategic plan qualify for this high honor.



In addition, Marshall Miller, a member of the Valparaiso University chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon was elected to the National Board of Directors. The Sigma Phi Epsilon National Board of Directors provides experience and expertise in leading the Fraternity, and is responsible for the satisfactory operation of the national Fraternity. The members of the National Board of Directors are composed of nine directors, plus the Grand President and the Grand Treasurer. Members are nominated and elected at the Grand Chapter Conclave every two years.

Three of the nine directors are undergraduate students who serve two-year terms; the other six directors serve staggered six-year terms; and the Grand President and Grand Treasurer serve two-year terms. Marshall will be an active participant on the National Board of Directors for the next two years serving with undergraduate men from Davidson College and Utah State. More information on the Sigma Phi Epsilon National Board of Directors can be found at www.sigep.org/about/who-we-are/national-board-of-directors.



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